

risen to the dignity of an Abbé, was thrown into prison and conveyed to Bordeaux for deportation to Cayenne, with other offenders guilty of belonging to the priesthood. During the visit of a surgeon to the prison the latter saw Latreille pick up an insect and look at it carefully. "Is it rare?" he asked. "Yes," said Latreille. "Give it me," said the surgeon, "for I have a friend who is interested in insects." "Take it, and ask him to give me its name," said Latreille. But the surgeon brought back the reply that he could not discover the name, and that it was probably a new species; and then Latreille gave him a message to his friend Bory de St. Vincent, a man of considerable influence, who was able to exert it to release him from his imprisonment, and thereby saved his life, for the vessel in which he was to have sailed was lost with all on board, except some of the crew, who escaped in a boat. The insect, the capture of which led to such important results, was *Necrobia ruficollis*, Fabricius, a small beetle belonging to the Malacodermata.

EDM. BORDAGE. *Recherches anatomiques et biologiques sur l'Autotomie et la Régénération chez divers Arthropodes.* (Reprinted from 'Bulletin scientifique de la France et de la Belgique,' vol. xxxix. 1905, pp. 307-454, pl. vi. & 20 text-figs.)

A TREATISE on the power possessed by various insects (especially Phasmidæ) of reproducing lost limbs, either when a limb has been cast by the insect itself to facilitate its escape from an enemy, or when a limb has been injured, or amputated for experimental purposes. The author is the Director of the Museum of Natural History in the island of Réunion, and has paid special attention to the question in the case of two large Phasmids (*Monandroptera inuncans*, Serv., and *Rhaphiderus scabrosus*, Serv.) which inhabit that island. The brochure will be very interesting to entomologists who occupy themselves with insect physiology.

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THE second volume of this important work includes the Papilionidæ, the Pieridæ, and the following five subfamilies of Lycenidæ:—Gerydinæ, Lyceninae, Curetinæ, Liphyrinæ, and Poritiinæ. Two more subfamilies of Lycenidæ (Arhopalinæ and Theclinae) remain over till the next volume.

It will thus be seen that the volume includes a considerable portion of the most conspicuous and interesting butterflies. In the Papilionidæ six genera are included—*Armandia*, *Leptocircus*, *Teino-*